

From: Jasiak, Andy J
Sent: Sat, 5 Feb 2022 17:16:10 +0000
To: Kennedy, Kevin D
Cc: Hull, Denis G; Ryan, Michael R; Marin, Michel; Stoll, Michael D; Edwards, Eli D; Cairns, Robert J; Yeoumans, Edward P
Subject: Traffic Plan - Tow information

Unclassified

Hello Kevin,

I've spent several hours on the phone yesterday & some follow-up this morning. Trying to ascertain what / if any local municipalities have 'City Owned' Heavy Tow Trucks. Normally for their use in towing broken down (*or stuck*) City Transit Buses in winter, or heavier City truck or bus break downs. It appears that most Neighbouring Cites may have at one time, had their own Heavy Tow Trucks. However for a variety of reasons they have all gone to Private Tow Companies in their respective areas, for their recovery work. Below is the information I was able to obtain, working east & west of Ottawa.

City of Ottawa / OC Transpo:

- We / Ottawa have 3 Heavy Tow Trucks at OC Transpo. Normally 2 are on Stand-by, & often one sitting at Hurdman Station awaiting deployment. The other one floats, or is at the garage at 1500 St. Laurent Depot.
- This of course is, as long as they have Operators for them that are either in (as they are also Garage attendants as well) or if they need them outside of their working hours are available to get called in.
- If not the default is REDA REDA, which is the contracted Stand by Tow Company if our own Heavy Tows are not available or over tasked.
- Often during heavy snow storms, they are on Stand-By to pull out stuck buses.
- Our City of Ottawa Fleet (Swansea or elsewhere) do not have Heavy Tow trucks, often also use contacted tows.
- ** Note, it was brought to my attention, that if our City / OC Transpo Heavy Tows were to be considered for use, they would likely need to be operated only by their staff, as there could possibly be (ATU) Amalgamated Transit Union issues otherwise.. so I was advised **
- REDA REDA – (613) REDAC
- REDA REDA REDA – (613) REDAC

Contacts: Spoke with OC Transpo Superintendent – Jason CREW-GEE (613) 741-2478 (his boss is Brad TUBMAN, & Crew-gee was going to at least advise him of the possible consideration of use).

City of Montreal / STM:

- Unfortunately after several calls to a variety of people / sections, & numerous hand offs, no answer or call back.
- Further Information possibly Pending
- Contacts: Spoke with Nathalie – Customer Service, STM (Société Transport Montreal) (514)280-0139 & (514)786-4636

City of Gatineau / STO:

- They do not have a Heavy Tow Truck anymore, they used to.
- Now they also use contracted tows, that have Heavy Tow capability.
- They normally use Remorquage REDA REDA in Gatineau (RE) REDAC

Contacts: Spoke with Director of Operations at STO – Samuel CADIEUX (819)213-2802

City of Cornwall / Cornwall Transit:

- They also do not have Heavy Tow Trucks anymore.
- They use contracted tows, that have Heavy Tow capability.

- They normally / often use Herb's Towing In Cornwall & Vankleek Hill, Ont. 1(888) REDAC

- Herb's has one of the largest Heavy Tow Truck Fleets & Recovery Crane Services in the Area, he does most of the Heavy recoveries along the Eastern 401 corridor.

- Most of this information obtained through OPP Long Sault, as again difficulty getting ahold of anyone at the City of Cornwall Transit, or City Police.

*Of Note however, apparently Herb's Travel Plaza was used by the East Convoy as a stopping point Enr into Ottawa.

Contacts: Spoke with Cornwall Police Comm's Centre Supervisor (613)93-2110, Cst. Tyler KELLY/Winchester OPP (613) 534-2223 & S/Sgt. Malcom MacPHERSON, Long Sault OPP (613)930-5495. OPP Comm Centre, Smiths Falls (613) 283-2313

City of Kingston / Kingston Transit:

- You guessed it, they also do not have Heavy Tow Trucks anymore.
- Use contracted tows, that have Heavy Tow capability.

- They normally use REDACTED (Police Tows & Heavy Tow) Kingston (613) REDACTED
- RE REDACTED & Crane Service – (613) REDACTED Kingston / 401
- RE REDACTED – (RE) REDACTED Kingston

Contacts: Spoke with Kingston Police Comm's & (Mike at Fleet) (613) 549-4660

I know you didn't ask for Information from: Brockville, Belleville, Oshawa/Durham, or the Canadian Military!!..

So I have not reached out to them, but did obtain their contact info. through the C.U.T.A. (Canadian Urban Transit Association) & Bruno Lepage, see list below.

Transit Authority	Contact
STO (Gatineau)	Yannick Robert 819-770-7900 x6451 (yannick.robert@sto.ca)
STM (Montreal)	Pascal Ouellette 514-280-8179 (pascal.ouellette@stm.info)
Cornwall Transit	Len Tapp 613-930-2787 x2252 (ltapp@cornwall.ca)
Brockville Transit	Matthew Locke 613-342-8772 (mlocke@brockville.com)
Kingston Transit	Bud Steele 613-546-4291 x2216 (bsteale@cityofkingston.ca)
Belleville Transit	Matt Coffey 613-962-4344 x3552 (mcoffey@city.belleville.on.ca)
Oshawa Transit (Durham)	Deanna Wilson 905-668-4113 x3701 (deanna.wilson@durham.ca)

If there is anything else that you need, let me know.

Kindest Regards,
A/Sgt. Andy Jasiak #1354
Traffic Services
W.C # (RE) REDACTED
Per. C # (613) 797-3505

From: Kennedy, Kevin D <KennedyK@ottawapolice.ca>

Sent: Friday, February 04, 2022 5:17 PM

To: Jasiak, Andy J <JasiakA@ottawapolice.ca>; Cairns, Robert J <CairnsR@ottawapolice.ca>
Cc: Marin, Michel <MarinM@ottawapolice.ca>; Stoll, Michael D <StollM@ottawapolice.ca>;
Edwards, Eli D <EdwardsE@ottawapolice.ca>; Hull, Denis G <HullD@ottawapolice.ca>
Subject: Re: Traffic Plan - Tow information

Unclassified

Thanks Andy

Get [Outlook for Android](#)

From: Jasiak, Andy J <JasiakA@ottawapolice.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 4:28:37 PM
To: Kennedy, Kevin D <KennedyK@ottawapolice.ca>; Cairns, Robert J <CairnsR@ottawapolice.ca>
Cc: Marin, Michel <MarinM@ottawapolice.ca>; Stoll, Michael D <StollM@ottawapolice.ca>;
Edwards, Eli D <EdwardsE@ottawapolice.ca>; Hull, Denis G <HullD@ottawapolice.ca>
Subject: Traffic Plan - Tow information

Unclassified

Hey Kevin,

Rob tasked me with that, I've spent most of the afternoon on the phone working on getting the information. The Heavy Tow Info. from the neighbouring municipalities you asked about. Just waiting on a reply from Montreal, & I'll compile what I have,, with a follow-up e-mail.

Regards,
Andy J.

From: Kennedy, Kevin D <KennedyK@ottawapolice.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 4:18 PM
To: Cairns, Robert J <CairnsR@ottawapolice.ca>
Cc: Marin, Michel <MarinM@ottawapolice.ca>; Stoll, Michael D <StollM@ottawapolice.ca>; Edwards, Eli D <EdwardsE@ottawapolice.ca>; Hull, Denis G <HullD@ottawapolice.ca>; Jasiak, Andy J <JasiakA@ottawapolice.ca>
Subject: Re: Traffic Plan

Unclassified

Ok Rob...can you work on this tomorrow as best possible.

I suspect we're headed to an action early next week.

The primary route (police and tow route) will be Rideau to Waller or Nicholas and then out.

Can I also ask that you try to identify the truck assets and possible tow/storage locations. I know its a lot in a short period of time and I apologize but we're all getting jammed now.

Tks

K

Get [Outlook for Android](#)

From: Cairns, Robert J <CairnsR@ottawapolice.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 11:48:53 AM
To: Kennedy, Kevin D <KennedyK@ottawapolice.ca>
Cc: Marin, Michel <MarinM@ottawapolice.ca>; Stoll, Michael D <StollM@ottawapolice.ca>; Edwards, Eli D <EdwardsE@ottawapolice.ca>; Hull, Denis G <HullD@ottawapolice.ca>; Jasiak, Andy J <JasiakA@ottawapolice.ca>
Subject: Re: Traffic Plan

Unclassified

Hi Kevin,

I won't be able to start anything in relation to this plan today. There are only two Sgts working today with all other Sgts being required to take a forced day off.

Myself and Ed Yeoman have been tasked with planning for the Traffic component relating to convoy movement and demonstrations over Saturday and Sunday.

I have reached out to Andy Jasiak who is being requested to reach out to other municipalities to ascertain what resources they might have.

Reach out if necessary please.

Rob

Get [Outlook for Android](#)

From: Kennedy, Kevin D <KennedyK@ottawapolice.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 10:05:32 AM
To: Cairns, Robert J <CairnsR@ottawapolice.ca>
Cc: Marin, Michel <MarinM@ottawapolice.ca>; Stoll, Michael D <StollM@ottawapolice.ca>; Edwards, Eli D <EdwardsE@ottawapolice.ca>
Subject: Traffic Plan

Unclassified

Hi Rob

Just a follow up to yesterday (sorry I had to leave for a personal appointment) can I ask you to take care of the following...

The last direction we've been given is that we will likely remove vehicles from the Sussex/Rideau west to the Chateau. The responsibility for securing the area during this operation will be the boots on the ground. However, we have to establish and maintain an emergency route in and out, which will likely be the same as a tow route. We will be establishing it and holding it.

We have a person in Brookstreet with us who is a police member from another service but also owns a small trucking company. He is our imbedded "expert" on how best to tow these vehicles out of there given their position, direction pointing and towing radius. He can do an assessment to do an assessment on the best route out (i.e. tow west to Elgin, or south on Col By to Daly or east to Nicholas). I would prefer the Daly route but that too has some risks.

The ask: can you link up with him to determine the best route out. Then design a traffic plan to secure the route during operations (I don't want other truckers blocking it at any time). The route may have to be held for a lengthy period of time depending on the clearing operation that will be the first stage in the process. I would want a secondary route identified that those who wish to leave voluntarily can take (that way they don't start to drive and block our primary route).

Lastly, based upon the type of vehicles that may need to be towed, we need to know what is available. I suspect (based on info already received) private tow companies may not want to assist. So, can you reach out to other municipalities and see what city resources they have to assist with the tows. I suggest the larger centres that have a mass transit system. We have OC Transpo tow vehicles so let's see what Gatineau, Kingston, Cornwall and Montreal have. We can reach out further later if required. It's not an ask for their vehicles at this point, just a research exercise.

Thanks Rob.

K